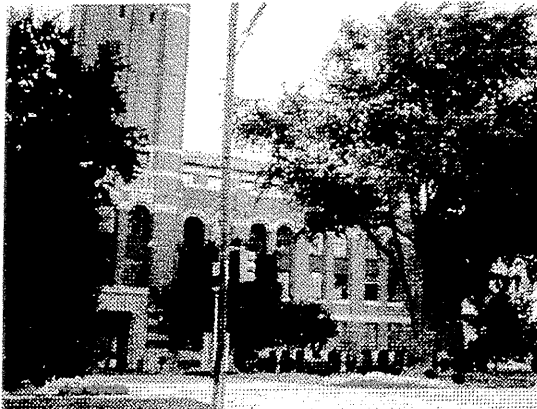




Stable brick bungalow homes in the Plymouth/W. Outer Drive Area.



Chrysler Corporation - Plymouth Road Office, Jeep, Truck Engineering.



Play area for younger children at Metropolitan Church of God SchaeferGrand River



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The cluster has a wide variety of housing styles and prices. Almost any family could afford to buy a home in most sections of the cluster. The area is very stable with many long-time residents. The most unique features of the area are the island homes that occupy entire blocks, in the lower eastern section.

Local churches representing all denominations and neighborhood organizations are active in the community, providing services such as "meals on wheels" to senior citizens, homeless persons, child-care and Headstart, computer class training, etc. While the cluster has limited shopping/commercial establishments, proximity of Dearborn makes shopping convenient. The corner of Joy Road and Greenfield present prime commercial and job center re-development. The Joy Road and Plymouth corridors are also areas that should be targeted for reinvestment. The Crossroads Retail Center, located on Southfield Fwy and Ford Road, is the showpiece of the cluster. If one center can prosper, others can too given the recommended sites, community needs and capital injection by both the city and developers.

Parts of the area such as the Aviation Subdivision have attractive, well-kept homes with landscaped lawns and boulevards. Since the community favors single-family homes, to add affordable housing stock can be achieved through mix-use, live-work developments and clustering within the Joy/Greenfield, Tireman/Greenfield, Plymouth/Southfield. These types of developments can greatly enhance activity and revitalization. Further, the revitalization of Herman Gardens Public Housing Development, creates an opportunity for change and long-range reinvestment to the surrounding neighborhoods. River Rouge Park, provides tennis courts, a golf range, swimming pool, walking trails, etc. which allows for great recreational opportunities for people from the age of one (1) to one-hundred (100). However, rigorous maintenance of the park and numerous others, must be addressed by both the City of Detroit Recreation Department and residents. Recommendations for collaborations and identifying funding sources or corporate sponsorship could be the starting point.

Overall, this cluster has good assets made up of community block clubs and associations, community stakeholders with special commitment and dedication to protect and revitalize their neighborhoods. The "people" of the cluster make it a "community". This, above all, has been an intricate and important element to the sustainability of this sector.

CRS PROJECT

The CRS project was tailored to engage citizen input, participation as a core of the process to provide final reinvestment recommendations in each topic area. As people have stated throughout this year long project...lack of community participation in focus groups, monthly cluster board meetings and community

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visioning and review sessions has been a limiting factor. In spite of this, members of the community did attend and provided crucial information that has become this "Final Report".

The CRS staff, Technical Assistant Teams and the Board Members have worked hard to ensure an inclusive atmosphere for those who were able to participate. It was not perfect, but it was the best everybody could do with the enormous tasks needed to be accomplished with a limited time frame.

To all those who did participate and contribute their time, ideas and sometimes building space to hold meetings, your dedication has been duly noted. This final report and your continued advocacy for your neighborhoods and communities will be a springboard that will provide the next phase—the implementation of all your ideas and recommendations.

APPENDIX A *Community Organizations/Block Clubs/Mission Statements*